Chief Justices in different High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for appointing the Acting Chief Justices for long periods; and

(d) by when permanent Chief Justices are likely to be appointed in these High Courts ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) to (d). As on 16-11-87, the posts of Chief Justices were vacant in the High Courts of Allahabad and Patna with effect from 16-7-87 and 27-7-87 respectively, and Acting Chief Justices were functioning there.

The matter regarding filling up thr. post of Chief Justices in these High Courts is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate the time by when permanent Chief Justices in these High Courts would be appointed.

Uniform Civil Code in the Country

*187. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring about a uniform civil code in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) and (b) The proposal *to* frame the Uniform Civil Code is under consideration of Government. Government is of the opinion that necessary atmosphere in the country is a prerequisite to bring forward such a legislation.

Recruitment Rule for the I.A.S.

188. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been made to Government for any change in the prevalent recruitment, rules for the lAS;

(b) what is the quota of direct recruitment and of recruitment from the Slate services on the basis of promotion; whether this proportion is maintained in case of Gujarat; and

(c) what is the number of Secretaries or the number of posts in the cadre of Secretary in the Central Government from various States, including Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Upto 33 1/3 per cent of the senior duty posts under the State Govt, and the Central Deputation Reserve can be filled up by promotion and the remaining by direct recruitment. This is uniformly being. followed in all cadres, including Gujarat.

(c) The number of posts in the rank of Secretary or equivalent under the Central Government is 105. Of these, 57 posts are at present filled from the LAS Cadres of the States including Gujarat.

Share of Central Investment in the States

189. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the shares of Central investment in U.P., Madhya Pradesh: Gujarat; Rajasthan; Tamil Nadu; Bihar and Orissa during the past three years; and

(b) whether such shares have declined or increased in those States and in the case of a decline, the reasons thereof?